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SUBJECT: S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE: UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE

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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE MIGHT TAKE UP MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC), E.G., DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, PUT THESE ISSUES TO A VOTE, AND REACH DECISIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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OBJECTIONABLE TO THE U.S.

2. SHOULD A CONSENSUS DEVELOP IN THE WORKING PARTY FOR THE CONVENING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE, DEL SHOULD AVOID BEING PLACE IN AN ISOLATED POSITION AND JOIN CONSENSUS CALL FOR CONFERENCE, PROVIDED CONFERENCE MANDATE PRECLUDES CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS

BEING DISCUSSED BY THE LSC. SHOULD CONFERENCE MANDATE ALLOW CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH MATTERS BEFORE THE LSC, DEL SHOULD REPORT DEVELOPMENTS TO DEPT AND REQUEST

INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IN EXPLAINING U.S. POSITION, DEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE
(A) IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO HOLDING COSTS OF
PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO MINIMUM, (B) OUR FIRM BELIEF
THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD DEVOTE ITSELF TO DISCUSSING,
ASSESSING AND REPORTING ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
ASPECTS OF OUTER SPACE PROGRAMS AND NOT INVOLVE
ITSELF IN MATTERS WHICH ARE UNDER CURRENT CONSIDERATION
BY THE OSC LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

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